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SUBJ: PHILIPPINE REQUEST FOR ACCELERATED MAP AND FMS DELIVERIES

REF: A) MANILA 2456; B) MANILA 2937; C) STATE 58287;

D) JUSMAG 030752Z MAR 77 (NOTAL); E) JUSMAG 030754Z

MAR 77 (NOTAL); F) JUSMAG 150857Z MAR 77 (NOTAL);

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MAR 77 (NOTAL)

1. JUSMAG HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH AFP OVER PAST SEVERAL WEEKS TO HAMMER AFP REQUEST FOR ACCELERATION OF MAP AND FMS ITEMS INTO REALISTIC AND MANAGEABLE TERMS. THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND THERE IS NO REPEAT NO QUESTION OF ACCELERATING "MOST ITEMS IN THE PIPELINE". HERE IS A SUMMARY OF WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

2. THE INITIAL GOP REQUEST TOTALED 81 ITEMS (26 MAP AND 55 FMS). AS A RESULT OF JOINT AFP/JUSMAG REVIEW SESSIONS; 9 ITEMS WERE DROPPED, 13 IDENTIFIED FOR ACCELERATION, 51 MADE THE SUBJECT OF INQUIRY OR ACTION

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BY DOD/MIL DEPTS AND 8. 43.-8, UNDER JUSMAG/AFP REVIEW. FOR THE 51 ITEMS SENT UP TO DOD/MIL DEPTS FOR STATUS OR ACTION THE BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS: 21 REQUEST FOR SUPPLY STATUS, 24 REQUEST FOR RAPID RELEASE OF PAST DUE ITEMS AND 6 REQUESTS FOR EARLIEST RELEASE OF IN STOCK ITEMS FOR FMS CASES SCHEDULED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT IN THE MARCH-JUNE 1977 PERIOD. NONE

OF THESE 51 ITEMS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME AS REQUEST FOR ACCELERATION. THE 13 ITEMS WHICH THE AFP HAS ASKED BE ACCELERATED, AND IN WHICH WE CONCUR, ARE AS FOLLOWS: 3 MAP ITEMS WHICH ARE 65-FT PATROL BOATS, MINI ATC'S AND M-60D MACHINE GUNS; 10 FMS ITEMS WHICH ARE 7 ORDERS OF NAVY 5"/38 AND 3"/50 RF AMMO AND 3 OTHER ORDERS FOR AMMUNITION AND COMBAT-VEHICLE RELATED ITEMS (REFTELS D, E, F, G, H). WHILE THE LIST OF ITEMS REQUIRING ACCELERATION NOW STANDS AT ONLY 13, THERE DOES REMAIN THE LIKULIHOOD THAT SEVERAL MORE ITEMS WILL BE IDENTIFIED FOR ACCELERATION AS THE AFP CONTINUES TO REVIEW ITS REQUIREMENTS WITH JUSMAG AND AS INFORMATION BEGINS TO COME IN ON THE 51 ITEMS FOR WHICH SUPPLY STATUS OR OTHER ACTION BY DOD/MIL DEPTS HAS BEEN REQUESTED.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT JUSMAG HAS DONE A FIRST-RATE JOB IN BRINGING THE INITIAL AFP REQUEST INTO REALISTIC DIMENSIONS. THE 13 ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE CULLING PROCESS FOR ACCELERATION DO MAKE SENSE AND WE SHOULD EXPEDITE THEIR DELIVERY. UNLESS WE LATER FIND OURSELVES FACED WITH UNREALISTIC AND INFLEXIBLE REQUESTS FROM THE AFP, WE WOULD PREFER TO DEFER ANY APPROACH TO ENRILE POINTING OUT OUR LIMITATIONS. FOR THE TIME BEING, WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE THE POSITIVE BY PUSHING AHEAD ON THE 13 ITEMS SELECTED FOR ACCELERATION. JUSMAG WILL GIVE ANY ADDITIONAL AFP REQUESTS FOR ACCELERATION THE SAME HARD SCRUTINY WHICH BROUGHT THE INITIAL AFP REQUEST FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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81 TO 13.

4. WE HAVE BEEN MAKING A PAINSTAKING EFFORT TO SHOW OUR RESPONSIVENESS IN THESE MATTERS AT A TIME WHEN THE AFP IS INCREASINGLY EDGY ABOUT PROSPECTS IN THE SOUTH. LET'S PUSH ON, WE'RE DOING WELL SO FAR.
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